

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 13-023 **Date Opened**: 06/20/2013

Investigator: Robert Young **Approver:** Frank Borris

Subject: Motorcycle Stalling

Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

Products: 2013 EX300 **Population:** 9,942

Problem Description: Motorcycle engine stalls while slowing.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	18	TBD	18
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	0
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	0
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	1	TBD	1

*Description of Other: Postings at www.kawasakininja300.com

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Summary:

Owner complaints, forum postings, and EWR field report data indicate the subject motorcycle engines are stalling when the operator reduces throttle input (e.g., slowing for stopped traffic). No root cause is known.

Introduced with the 2013 model year, the subject motorcycles are equipped with fuel injection which many dealers have identified as contributing to this issue.

A preliminary investigation has been opened to further analyze the scope, frequency, and severity of the alleged defect in the subject vehicles.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID under the following complaint identification numbers:

 $10498192, 10498532, 10503493, 10503834, 10505012, 10505031, 10505117, 10505548, 10505580, \\10509113, 10509756, 10510493, 10510706, 10512296, 10512579, 10513051, 10513978, 10515717$

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